

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store digital data;

an input device configured to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data;

[[and]]

a writing device configured to write the set compression ratio as one item of additional data for the stored digital data to said storage device[[.]]; and

a display device which displays resolution and image quality information after recompression.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a compression device configured to compress the stored digital data in accordance with the additional data compression ratio.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said writing device writes the additional data compression ratio before or after said storage device stores the digital data.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said writing device changes the ~~additional data compression ratio~~ after said storage device stores the digital data.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 said storage device stores a plurality of frames of compressed image data;
 said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed image data
 stored in said storage device for each frame; and
 said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each frame as another
item of the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:
 a device configured to recompress the compressed image data stored in
 said storage device according to the ~~additional data compression ratio~~ and store the
 recompressed data in said storage device.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 said storage device saves compressed music data comprising a plurality of
 tunes;
 said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed music data
 stored in said storage device; and
 said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each tune as another
item of the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:
 a device configured to recompress the compressed music data stored in
 said storage device according to the ~~additional data compression ratio~~ and store the
 recompressed data in said storage device.

7. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein, the computer readable program code means comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store digital data;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data; [[and]]

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to write the set compression ratio as additional data for the stored digital data[[.]]; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to display resolution and image quality information after recompression.

8. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to compress the stored digital data in accordance with the additional data compression ratio.

9. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the additional data compression ratio before or after storing the digital data.

10. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to change the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio after storing the digital data.

11. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said storing computer readable program code means causes a computer to store a plurality of frames of compressed image data;

 said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed image data for each frame; and

 said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the set recompression ratio for each frame as another item of the additional data, said apparatus further comprising:

 computer readable program code means for causing a computer to recompress the stored compressed image data according to the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio and store the recompressed data.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein

 said storage computer readable program code means causes a computer to save compressed music data comprising a plurality of tunes;

 said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed music data; and

said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the set recompression ratio for each tune as another item of the additional data, said apparatus further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to recompress the stored compressed music data according to the additional data compression ratio and store the recompressed data.